

Appl. No. 09/151,612
Amdt. dated Tuesday, August 05, 2003
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Remarks

The claims have been amended to more clearly set forth the Applicants' contribution to the art and do not introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention.

Claims 10 and 26 have now been cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-18, 21-25, 29-60, 62, 67-78, and 80-91 remain in the present application.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-18, 21-25, 29-35, 42-46, 60, 62, 74-76, and 81-91 are drawn to the elected invention.

The Examiner has now indicated that claims 87, 88, and 89 are now inadvertently dependent upon are directed to allowable subject matter after the restriction.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21-25, 29-31, 33, 42, 44-46, 62, 75, 81, 84, 85, 87-91 have now been amended in order to clarify the metes and bounds of the present invention and to correct some inconsistencies between claims. Support for such amendments can be found in the specification.

It is believed that extra fees are due for the claims as one additional independent claim has been added. For this and any other fee due, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.

Applicants' undersigned attorney has made a good faith effort to be responsive to the restriction requirement made in the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 and the telephonic conference of August 1, 2003. If the Examiner would like to discuss the application, he is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the phone number given below.

It is respectfully requested that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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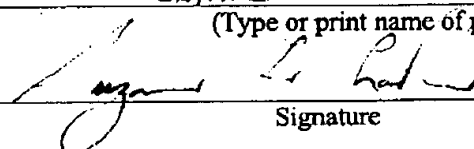
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